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Nov. 29, 1937
Left Wash., D.C. 7:45 P.M.

Nov. 30 (Tue.)

Arrived Warren, Pa. 9:30 A.M.
(train late), was met by
Barry C. Park who is in
charge of wild life work
for Forest Service on the
Allegheny National Forest.

Weather clear and rather
cold - ground frozen - thawed
a little on surface during
day.

As soon as I could change
we started out into forest
and accompanied by
Ranger ^{Jack Bittel} Haskell we weighed
and measured 18 bucks.

Dec. 1 (Wed.),

Trip in Allegheny National Forest from Warren and return,

Weighted & measured 31 deer. Largest weighed 200 pounds castrated.

Dec. 2 (Thurs.),

Warren, Pa. Another day spent on weighing and measuring deer in Allegheny Nat Forest.

Dec. 18 only were weighed and measured today. Most of these were rather young.

Dec. 3 (Fri.)

Warren, Pa. About 28 deer today. Was met by "Ted" Farnow, a regular employee

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of the Bureau of Fisheries,
temporarily on deer work
and about 20 deer were
handled.

Dec. 4 (Sat.).

Warren, Pa. Was met by one
Fearnor's men on his
absence, and spent the day
with him and Ranger Mitchell
of the Forest Service.

Deer. - Handled about 20.
finished quota of 50 for Bear
Creek area.

Weather. - Cloudy today and
thawing slightly.

Hunters. - Hundreds of hunters
out, some of them strolling
along roads or edges of
woods and others visible

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posted at many points off the roads. They are a ~~picture~~ lot in red caps and jackets and pants of thick wool red in color with black checks or stripes. A good many Swedes and some Italians are evident racial elements. Cars often seen a dozen grouped in a place. Many does are reported but while large numbers of bucks in the aggregate are killed many hunters are failing to find a buck.

Deer. A good many of those handled appear to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old. They vary considerably in color, some being quite red. In some cases

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the hair on top of head seems to be folded and appears to represent the summer plape. Certain markings appear to be characteristic. There is usually a conspicuous white line between the toes on the hind feet and fore feet and white areas are present ^{posterior} behind and below the dew claws. The brisket is blackish sometimes with a narrow white line along the center.

Dec. 5 (Sun)

Warren, Pa. Remained in town all day.

Weather. Snowed steadily all day, but so warm that most of the snow melted.

Dec. 6 (Mon.)

Warren, Pa. Made a trip with Jack Hitzel over northern end of Allegheny Forest & we obtained measurements and weights of only 5 deer. Snow falling and weather stormy. In contrast with Saturday very few hunters out.

Dec. 7 (Tue.)

Warren, Pa. Another trip with Jack. Weather stormy - only 4 deer.

December 8 (Wed.)

Warren, Pa. Park returned last night and trip made today with Ed. Farnow of Bureau of Fisheries. Weather very stormy - no deer at all.

Dec. 9, Thurs.

Warren, Pa. Prepare to return to Washington. Weather has changed somewhat and is very cold.
Left Warren for Wash.,
8.10 P.M.

Dec. 10, Fri.

Arrived Wash., D.C. 8:30 A.M.
(train late).